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NOTES OF THE SOCIETY

Acting under Article IV, Section 1, of the Constitution, as amended at the last annual meeting, the Executive Committee has, by unanimous vote, elected the following to membership in the Society:

Rabbi Harry H. Mayer,
Prof. H. B. Reed,
Mr. A. K. Schmajovian,
Prof. Jacob Wackernagel.

Rev. Dr. Frank K. Sanders, 25 Madison Avenue, New York City, has accepted the chairmanship of the Committee on Enlargement of Membership and Resources, made vacant by the resignation of Prof. Julian Morgenstern.

At the meeting recently held in Baltimore, the Directors voted that foreign societies and individuals, who were receiving the JOURNAL in 1914, should be permitted to continue or renew their subscriptions, and to fill lacunae in their files since 1914, at pre-war rates of exchange (\$5.00 = 1 Pound = 25 francs = 20 marks, etc.). Notice is hereby given of this ruling, which goes into effect at once. The Executive Committee was empowered by the Directors to apply the principle thus laid down to individual cases at its discretion.

NOTES OF OTHER SOCIETIES, ETC.

The American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, hitherto in charge of an Executive Committee affiliated with the Archaeological Institute, the Society of Biblical Literature and the American Oriental Society, has been incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia as the American Schools of Oriental Research. This action was approved at a meeting of the Managing Committee (consisting of the Contributors, etc.) held in New York, June 3. Its purpose, as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, is: "To promote the study and teaching and to extend the knowledge of Biblical literature and the geography, history, archaeology, and ancient and modern languages and literatures of Palestine, Mesopotamia and other Oriental countries, by affording educational opportunities to graduates of American Colleges and Universities and to other qualified students, and by the prosecution of Oriental research and excavations and exploration." The new incorporation will thus include the proposed School at Baghdad and any similar undertakings in the Near Orient. The Trustees number fifteen, three of whom represent the affiliated societies, the remainder being elected by the Contributors in groups of four for three years. The first board of Trustees consists of: James C. Egbert (President of the Archaeological Institute), Warren J. Moulton (Society of Biblical Literature), Wilfred H. Schoff (American Oriental Society), Cyrus Adler, Benjamin W. Bacon, George A. Barton, Howard Crosby Butler, Albert T. Clay, A. V. Williams Jackson, Morris Jastrow, Jr., James A. Montgomery, Edward T. Newell, James B. Nies, James H. Ropes, Charles C.

Torrey. Most of these gentlemen, with John B. Pine, Esq., were the incorporators. The first meeting of the Trustees was held in New York on June 17. The following officers were elected: James A. Montgomery, president; James C. Egbert, vice-president; George A. Barton, secretary and treasurer; Wilfred H. Schoff, associate secretary. Dr. W. F. Albright, present acting director, was appointed director of the School for the coming year.

The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis has appointed a committee to inquire into the feasibility of compiling a catalogue of the Biblical manuscripts in this country. The committee consists of Prof. C. C. Edmunds (General Theological Seminary), Prof. A. Marx (Jewish Theological Seminary), and Prof. H. P. Smith (Union Theological Seminary), chairman. A brief questionnaire has been issued inquiring as to the location of manuscripts and the willingness of owners to participate in the catalogue. It is especially intended to obtain knowledge of manuscripts in private hands. Information should be sent to the chairman.

The Palestine Oriental Society held its sixth General Meeting in Jerusalem on May 4. The program of papers consisted of: 'A Year's Work in Palestine,' Prof. J. Garstang; 'Un hypogée juif à Bethphagé,' Le Rev. Père Orfali; 'Solomon as a Magician in Christian Legend,' Dr. C. C. McCown; 'Origine du pluriel simple dans les langues sémitiques,' Mr. Israel Eitan; 'Methods of Education and Correction among the Fellahin,' Mr. E. N. Haddad; 'Sites of Ekron, Gath and Libnah,' Dr. W. F. Albright. It is requested by the secretary, the Rev. Herbert Danby, that newcomers to Palestine who are interested in the Society, should communicate with him.

The name of the École Biblique de St. Étienne of the Dominican Convent in Jerusalem has been changed to l'École française archéologique de Palestine. The change of name is significant of the recognition of the School by the French government.

PERSONALIA

Prof. H. ZIMMERN, of Leipzig, has succeeded Prof. Friedr. Delitzsch at the University of Berlin.

Dr. H. F. LUTZ, of the University of Pennsylvania, has accepted the newly established chair of Egyptology and Assyriology at the University of California.

Prof. JOHN P. PETERS was the lecturer this year on the Bross Foundation of Lake Forest College. His subject was "Bible and Spade."

Prof. OTTO BARDENHEWER, of Munich, professor of the New Testament and Patristic scholar, editor of *Biblische Studien*, died March 19.

Dean ALFRED E. DAY, of the American University of Beirut, has published a circular giving a system of transliteration of Arabic, with primary regard to the usage of that University.